



Let Us Pray

As we prepare to say "good-bye" to one another, I want to use this week's space to talk about one of the hardest parts of a separation, which is to recognize that, when we part, we say good-bye to one season of life and begin another. In Psalm 74, we are told that "God has fixed all the bounds of the earth; [and] made summer and winter." Similar boundaries exist where pastors and congregations are concerned -- made by God and honored by God's people to make it possible for both to move ahead into new lives.

Folks often refer with dismay to "the rules." The previous pastor does not return for worship or special events or weddings or funerals for at least a year, and preferably two. The congregation turns, immediately, to the new pastor, for leadership in all matters related to church. It often seems a bit unfair -- especially when a death or other major change happens right after a well-known pastor leaves. But we have to draw the line somewhere, and so we draw it at the point of transfer of responsibilities. This is only fair to the departing pastor, who usually has new duties and priorities, and to the new pastor, who longs to share the life of the congregation. And I can assure you that pastors are well versed in the abilities needed to be of comfort and assistance to you, from their first day onward!

In our digital, internet, and Facebook world, we are likely to continue to "see" one another, as well as to run into each other in person once in awhile (when that is again possible!). We will all be delighted to encounter one another -- of that, I am sure. But we will be talking about families and other interests and community events (someday!) and travel (someday!) -- and not about POP. You will have a new pastor, and I will honor and encourage that relationship. As you have figured out by now, we pastors each have our own style -- and that's a GOOD thing! In fact, I encourage you to start right now, with prayer and gratitude for what will soon be Pastor Henderson's presence among you.

Blessings, Pastor Robin

Sunday Online Worship Services at Prince of Peace

This Sunday, worship with us online! Please visit our [website](#) where you will find the Sunday Bulletin, music, prayers and Pr. Robin's Sunday sermon.

You can also subscribe to our [YouTube Channel](#) and view our library of videos. We encourage viewers to comment with one another online. The comment section can be found below the video. [Worship Online](#)



Call Process Update

A message to Prince of Peace from Pastor Karl Biermann, Assistant to the Bishop for the Northeastern Ohio Synod—ELCA



Calendar

May 13 - 24, 2020

Wednesday, May 13

9:30 am Fidget Quilters - Canceled
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, May 14

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Canceled

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16

10:00 am Organ Practice
5:30 pm Bunco - Canceled

Sunday, May 17

10:00 am Online Worship Service

Monday, May 18

1:00 pm Comfort Quilters - Canceled
7 pm Women's Discipleship - Canceled

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 pm CrossFire Rehearsal - Canceled

Wednesday, May 20

12:15 pm Young at Heart - Canceled
7:00 pm Organ Practice

Thursday, May 21

7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - Canceled

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23

10:00 am Organ Practice

Sunday, May 24

8:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive - PoP
10:00 am Online Worship Service

Online Giving

Your generous online offering allows us to preach the gospel, make disciples, and support others in our community who need help especially during these challenging times. As a community, we are grateful for one another's loving support. [ONLINE GIVING](#)



Thank You Prince of Peace!



Thank you Prince of Peace for your extremely generous donations to Second Harvest Food Bank!

Along with the Endowment Committee and Thrivent matching funds, Prince of Peace has raised \$9,850! That will provide over 48,000 meals!!

Second Harvest's mission is to create pathways to nutritious food - under all circumstances. They can do these things through steadfast partners like Prince of Peace. Thank you!

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for the members of our congregation who are in the medical and education fields, as well as those who work in residential facilities and grocery stores. We give thanks for all they are doing during this Covid-19 crisis and pray for their health and safety as well as the health and safety of their families. We also want to add the following:

- Jan Filkill, nurse
- Scott Goggin, Superintendent of Westlake Schools
- Eric Fortuna, Principal – son of Diane and Pat Fortuna
- Judy Fortuna, teacher – daughter-in-law of Diane and Pat Fortuna
- Diane Merhaut, media specialist at Scranton Elementary School

Welcome Megan!

The Pastor and Council are delighted to announce that Megan Harber, our Nursery Attendant for the past year, has accepted our new position as Interim Church Administrator. While she will need a little time to get her feet wet, we have every confidence in her ability to take on tasks involving our office and membership. She and Pastor Robin and Marketing and Communications Manager Mary Humer will be working together closely for the next few weeks so that she will also be able to assist incoming Interim Pastor Henderson in June.



Megan is a 2019 graduate of Wittenberg University, where she earned her degree in Sociology. She has been working in child care for the past year (and will continue in our nursery), and plans to attend law school in the future.

Welcome to your new role, Megan!

The Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund



The Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university.

This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3,000 for the school year. Complete the 2020-2021 application by visiting the website: www.Pierstorf.org.

The deadline for all applications is Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Chopping for Change

Reentry Week supports successful reintegration and collectively addresses policy barriers that perpetuate reinvolvement with the criminal justice system. In the past 40 years, the number of women in U.S. prisons has increased by a shocking 800%.



One of the ways LMM is tackling this is through our Chopping for Change (C4C) program, which provides women in prison with vital tools to successfully reintegrate back into society once their sentences end. LMM has continued C4C classes through distance learning tools during COVID-19. We believe education must continue so these women have the best chance possible to successfully reintegrate once released.

Graduates who have been released and are working in the hospitality industry are struggling in some cases. LMM is stepping in with care packages to help them make ends meet until restaurants reopen and they can get back to work. Through Reentry Week and beyond, LMM is here for our participants, past and present.

For more information: www.lutheranmetro.org

Prince of Peace Youth



Daily prayers are an easy part of starting and continuing your faith practice. Join in these personalized prayers with us. It only takes 5 minutes a day to pray. [Facebook Daily Prayers](#)

[Join us for worship every Sunday!](#)

Please follow this [link](#) for a very important update from Prince of Peace

Happy Hour Hangouts - Friday, May 15th - High school and confirmation youth! Join in a weekly Zoom meeting to get some face time with friends. We will chat, play games, etc. 30 minutes to check in with each other. [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

ARE YOU READY FOR THE YOUTH GATHERING 2021?!

ELCA Youth Gathering, June 29-July 3, 2021

The theme is "[Boundless](#)" and we will be traveling to MINNEAPOLIS, MN. Keep your eye on these newsletters as more information will be shared weekly with gathering information, registration details, Minneapolis tips and facts, and more! Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2020) are eligible).



April Showers bring May Flowers! - Keep an eye on your doorsteps in May, as Christian Education and Youth are teaming up to bring YOU a care package and ways you can help spread the love!

May 24th - Blood Drive - POP in the fellowship hall, sign up online. Times available from 9am - 1pm. Don't forget to wear your mask!



[College Campus Tours](#) and More! - Curious about college? YouVisit offers college campus tours virtually and free!

[World Landmark Tours](#) - Forget day dreaming, virtually visit the places you've dreamed of all over the world. Also check out some Egyptian Heritage sites!

[Playbill Entertainment](#) - This website compiles all the isolation entertainment from the arts in one convenient and daily place. Catch the latest Disney on Broadway performance or check out the Saturday Matinee show lineup.

[NatGeo Kids](#) - Who doesn't love cute, fluffy, little animals? Learn more about their natural habitats, quiz yourself on some geography facts, and learn more about the creation we live in.

[World Museums](#) - Van Gogh museum, British Museum, zoos, aquariums, you name it! Take a tour through the link on the photo, or Here, or Here. So many places to see!



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For more information, visit our website: www.princeofpeacewestlake.org/youth

Prayer Concerns

Please join us in praying for members and friends with recent needs: Ellen (friend of Linda), Midge (friend of Deb Gibbons), Wendy (friend of Deb Gibbons), Paul Winslow, Debbie Wood (aunt of Matt Wenham). **Also, we pray for chronic, long-term care needs:** Charlotte (gr. granddaughter of Jan Schoch), Ren (granddaughter of Linda Baumbach), Carole Anderson (relative of Lia Staaf), Stephanie Bailey (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Jeannine Blakeslee, Cathy Blitz (sister-in-law of Jann Daniels), Joanne & Tony Cacciatore, Don Chismar, Marcia Drysdale (friend of Jane Dillon), Sam Fekete (brother of Mary Sue Claus), Matthew Gilbride, Denny Giza (friend of Ellie Sanow), Chris Henry (nephew of Lisa Arrigo), Dawn Higgins (neighbor of Fran Molnar), Gale Johnson (friend of Kathy Kettler), Gail Jones, Deanne Lahner (niece of Mary Sue Claus), Gary Lucas (father of Hilary Lucas), Angela Missig (daughter of Gloria Starr), Lois Reichert, Pam Rotella, Karla Sexton (friend of Pat Sprague), Lonneke Smilor (daughter-in-law of Lois Smilor), Phil Smits (friend of Jan Juhn). **Please notify the office of prayer concerns. These names will be shared with our prayer chain ministry & remain on our prayer list during Sunday worship for 3 weeks.**

Giving Report

Weekly Operating Giving as of April 30, 2020: \$122,550
 17 Sundays at \$7,500 Budgeted: \$127,500
 Giving Shortfall as of April 30, 2020 \$ (4,950)



05/14 Jason Franz	05/24 Addison Kovach
05/14 Cassandra Frey	05/26 Jean Adamcik
05/14 Gloria McClellan	05/26 Margaret Engelbert
05/15 Brianna Lehman	05/27 Robert Mayer
05/16 Hailey Vitko	05/28 Craig Jagels
05/18 Stephanie Pogachar	05/31 Jeff Babinski
05/19 Blake Beard	05/31 Logan Vitko
05/22 Anna Boor	
05/22 Ron Filkill	

Happy Anniversary!

05/13 Jeff & Chrissy Frey
 05/16 Dale & Monica Dragony
 05/18 Pat & Diane Fortuna
 05/19 Pat & Jack Uber
 05/20 Steve & Kellie Duktig
 05/20 Keith & Jane Wyant
 05/25 Kristi & Bob Draper
 05/29 Tom & Tracy Biller
 05/31 David & Kathy McCollum

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Contemporary & 11:00 am Traditional

Christian Education

Sundays at 10:10 - 10:50 am for all ages

Child Care

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during the Christian Education hour between services.